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Ap. 28. 1919.

Gentlemen

In presenting my report for the Year 1918 I wish to mention the fact that the statistics required by the L. G. B. are at present still restricted to a return of Deaths & Births - The details of Deaths I enclose on a separate paper.

Influenza. The year has been marked by 2 severe epidemics of Influenza, the first in June & July, the second commencing in October & extending into the New Year, In the first epidemic there was fortunately few deaths but there were many sufferers from the Complaint which caused much suffering.

The second epidemic was much more severe & resulted in 20 deaths in this area, not including the many other deaths of persons in the Infirmary who had been imported into the area. During the epidemic, with the consent of the Guardians, we were allowed to utilize the Infirmary as a hospital - the Cottage Hospital was also entirely reserved for patients suffering from Influenza for some weeks. I wish to put on record my appreciation of the good work done by the staffs of these two Institutions & also by the two District Nurses, who worked indefatigably, during this very trying time. The main cause of death in this epidemic was Pneumonic - owing to the number of patients treated and the rush of work it was found impossible to keep count of every case, but the number was very large, certainly over 50 for this area. In every case of death from the disease the room and bedding were disinfected and also in other severe cases where possible.

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About one in every 3 or 4 persons was attacked, the town being badly affected.

Measles. There was also a small epidemic of Measles, with 1 death.

Chicken pox. There was a considerable outbreak of chicken pox in January & February, but no deaths.

From other infectious disease we enjoyed almost complete immunity.

The Sanitary condition of the Town remains good but I should like to again point out the immediate necessity for building new Cottages.

Those previously adversely reported upon have become worse and others have become bad, needing in some cases extensive repairs & in others re-building. There is considerable over-crowding in some houses, which can only be relieved by building new ones.

The Cottage Hospital has done very good work during the year & has fully proved its usefulness & indispensability. 96 patients were admitted during the year, about 60 being Surgical cases.

Infectious diseases	72	
Measles		22 cases
chicken pox		39
Tuberculosis of Lungs		5
enteric fever		1 in Military Hosp.
Scarlet fever		1
Diphtheria		3
Erysipelas		1
		72

Deaths -	Male	Female	Total
	31	39	70
Rate per 1000	18.4		
General rate	17.6		
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Infectious diseases	72
Measles	26 cases
chicken pox	30
Tuberculosis of Lungs	5
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	Male	Female	Total
Births	33	27	60
Illigitimate	3	1	4
rate per 1000	14.27		
General rate	17.7		

Population for Birth rate 4243

" " Death rate 3787

Your obedient servant

H. A. Watney M.O.H.

Causes of death.

Measles	1
Diphtheria	1
Influenza	20
Pulmonary tuberculosis	6
Tuberculosis Meningitis	1
Other Tub. Diseases	1
Cancer	8
Heart disease	1
Bronchitis	2
Pneumonia	3
Nephritis	1
Congenital debility	4
Violence	1
Suicide	1
Other diseases	19
	70

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